



News from Trinity HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep our supporters informed about our activities. Trinity HOPE, a not-for-profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is shared daily.

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“If You Can’t Stand the Heat, Get Out of the Kitchen”

Pastor John Gierke



“If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.” Have you ever said that to someone, or heard it from someone when you entered the kitchen and complained about the heat? Right now, we are in the middle of winter in the United States. In Haiti, they’re in the middle of winter, but it’s still hot - just not as hot as in the summer! The Haitian Creole word for hot is “sho.” John Hall, the founder of Trinity HOPE, would often say in his southern dialect, *“It sho is ‘sho’”* when we were in Haiti on a mission trip. When we arrived at the schools, we would visit the kitchen to observe the meal preparation in operation.

Even though the fires used to boil the water in the pots to make the beans and rice meals get hot and smoky in the “school kitchens” (sometimes a metal shed by the school, sometimes out in the open), the cooks don’t mind the heat. They don’t mind the smoke getting in their eyes. They know the children are receiving a nutritious meal to “fuel” their day of learning about Jesus in the midst of their school subjects. The cooks see the children’s smiles daily which fuel their desire to help feed the children! They are blessed, and they also hear that Jesus gift of eternal life has rescued them from an eternity in a place hotter than any fire-fueled kitchen!

The next time you step into the kitchen or light a fireplace or fire pit this winter, think of the cooks in the school kitchens in Haiti, and say a prayer of thanks for them as they feed the children. Thank you for your love and generosity that fuels your desire to help feed the children each day at their school with a bowl of beans and rice - as well as with the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ and His Word of Life!

